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SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LLOYD UNEBASAMI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023

Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee, I am Jonathan Johnson,
Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA), and I
am pleased to testify in **SUPPORT** of the nomination of Lloyd Unebasami to serve
as a commissioner for the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Mr. Unebasami's experience in Hawai'i government administration and finance make him a tremendous asset to the foundation. Specifically serving as Director of Finance for the Research Corporation for the University of Hawaii (RCUH), Interim President and CEO, and Chief Administrative Officer for the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Administrator for the State Procurement Office, DAGS Deputy Comptroller, Deputy Director for the Department of Taxation and Administrative Services Officer of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority. In addition to his work in government administration, Lloyd Unebasami has had a successful career in the private financial sector in Hawai'i.

Regarding culture and arts, Mr. Unebasami enjoyed music all throughout his educational years. He participated in many of Hawaii's most distinguished school bands and music programs including the Hawaii Youth Symphony and the University of Hawaii'i Band.

We are confident in Mr. Unebasami's ability to make a positive contribution in support of the SFCA and our mission to promote, perpetuate and preserve culture and the arts in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Unebasami's nomination.